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REMARKS

Claims 1-35, 38, 39, 42-46 are pending in the application. Claims 36, 37, 40 and 41 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 45 and 46 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 5-11, 15-18, 21-27, 31-36, 38-40 and 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takuma et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,615,045; hereinafter “Takuma”). Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 15, 17-19, 21, 22, 31, 33-36, 38-40 and 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogino (U.S. Patent No. Re. 33,795). Claims 12, 13, 28, 29, 37 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takuma in view of Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,862,139; hereinafter “Chang”). Claims 14 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takuma in view of Chang and further in view of Goto (U.S. Patent No. 6,822,792). Claims 4 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takuma in view of Chang. Claims 12, 13, 28, 29, 37 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Chang. Claims 14 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Chang and further in view of Goto. Claims 4 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Chang. Applicant submits the following arguments in traversal of the prior art rejections.

Rejection of Claims 1, 5-11, 15-18, 21-27, 31-36, 38-40 and 42-44 under 102(b) as being anticipated by Takuma

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is believed to be patentable. Takuma does not disclose a screen wherein each wherein each of the horizontal cylindrical lenses of the light

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diffusion film comprises a flat exit face. In all the embodiments of Takuma cited by the Examiner (Figs 3A, 3B, 4, 9A, 9B, 10A and 10B), the Examiner concedes that “the exit face portions comprise lenses” (Page 4). Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable

Claims 5-11, 15, 16, 33-35, 38 and 43, which depend from claim 1, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 1.

Similarly, Applicant submits that claim 17 is believed to be patentable for reasons similar to those submitted for claim 1.

Claims 18, 21-27, 31, 32, 39, 42 and 44, which depend from claim 17, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 17.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 15, 17-19, 21, 22, 31, 33-36, 38-40 and 42-44 under § 102(b) by Ogino

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is believed to be patentable because Ogino fails to disclose a screen wherein each of the horizontal cylindrical lenses of the light diffusion film comprises a flat exit face. In the embodiments of Ogino which include two sheets, neither of the sheets (front sheet 5 and vertical lenticular sheet 16 in Fig. 15; or the front sheet 5 and the third sheet 22 in Fig. 16) includes a flat exit face. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Ogino.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 15, 33-35, 38 and 43 which depend from claim 1, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 1.

Similarly, claim 17 is believed to be patentable for reasons similar to those submitted for claim 1. Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 31, 39, 42 and 44, which depend from claim 17, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 17.

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In addition, claims 3 and 19 are believed to be patentable because the embodiments of Ogino cited by the Examiner do not disclose a screen or a projection television wherein each of the horizontal cylindrical lenses of the light diffusion film comprises a non-spherical entrance face of which cross section at a vertical plane is not a circle or a partial circle. Although the Examiner cites the vertical lenticular lens 8' of the vertical lenticular sheet 16 as allegedly corresponding to the horizontal cylindrical lenses, Applicant requests the Examiner to point out where horizontal cylindrical lenses having a non-spherical entrance face are expressly or inherently disclosed in Ogino.

Rejection of Claims 12, 13, 28, 29, 37 and 41 under § 103(a) over Takuma in view of Chang

Claims 12 and 13, which depend from claim 1, and claims 28 and 29, which depend from claim 17, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claims 1 and 17 and because Chang fails to make up for the deficiencies of Takuma.

Rejection of Claims 14 and 30 under § 103(a) over Takuma in view of Chang and further in view of Goto

Claims 14 and 30, which ultimately depend from claims 1 and 17, respectively, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for their base claims and because Chang and Goto fail to make up for the deficiencies of Takuma.

Rejection of Claims 4 and 20 under § 103(a) over Takuma in view of Chang

Claims 4 and 20, which depend from claims 1 and 17, respectively, are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons submitted for their respective base claims and because Chang fails to make up for the deficiencies of Takuma.

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Rejection of Claims 4 and 20 under § 103(a) over Ogino in view of Chang

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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